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SUBJECT: DUTCH JOURNALIST TO TESTIFY BEFORE HOUSE ASSASSINATION COMMITTEE

1. SUMMARY: DUTCH RADIO CARRIED STORY TODAY THAT WILLEM OLTMANS, FREELANCE WRITER JOURNALIST, WOULD TESTIFY BEFORE HOUSE ASSASSINATION COMMITTEE. OLTMANS HAS CLAIMED TO USIS OFFICER TO HAVE QUOTE MAJOR NEWS FROM DALLAS UNQUOTE. OLTMANS BROUGHT GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILD T TO NETHERLANDS MARCH 3 FOR MEETINGS WITH NOS-TV AND DUTCH PUBLISHER. DE MOHRENSCHILD REPORTEDLY RETURNED TO US AFTER DISAPPEARING. OLTMANS SAYS THAT HE WILL MEET WITH PRESS FOLLOWING HIS TESTIMONY TO COMMITTEE STAFF. END SUMMARY.

2. WILLEM OLTMANS, CONTROVERSIAL DUTCH WRITER HAS BEEN ASKED--OR HAS ASKED--TO TESTIFY TO HOUSE ASSASSINATION COMMITTEE ON MARCH 15. OLTMANS, IN CONVERSATION WITH USIS OFFICER, CLAIMS TO HAVE MAJOR NEWS FROM DALLAS. HE SAYS THAT HE IS TAKING DUTCH TELEVISION FILMS AND VIDEO-

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TAPES THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN SHOWN TO COMMITTEE.

3. OLTMANS BROUGHT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION FIGURE GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILD T TO THE NETHERLANDS ON MARCH 3 FOR MEETINGS WITH NOS TV CHIEF OF PROGRAMMING AND LEADING DUTCH PUBLISHER. OLTMANS SAYS THAT DE MOHRENSCHILD HAD TOLD HIM ON FEBRUARY 23 QUOTE I WAS INVOLVED UNQUOTE.

ON FEBRUARY 4 WHILE ON TRIP TOGETHER IN BRUSSELS,  
DE MOHRENSCHILD DISAPPEARED, LEAVING SUITCASES AND  
CLOTHING BEHIND. ACCORDING TO OLTMANS, DE MOHRENSCHILD WAS  
WAS FRIGHTENED THAT HE WOULD BE KILLED. ON MARCH 7, OLTMANS  
WAS INFORMED THAT DE MOHRENSCHILD HAS RETURNED TO DALLAS.  
ASKED IF HE THOUGHT DE MOHRENSCHILD ACTUALLY HAD RETURNED  
TO US OLTMANS SAID QUOTE I DON'T THINK HE IS OKAY UNQUOTE.

4. NOS TV OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT THEY ARE WATCHING  
OLTMANS' STORY CLOSELY, BUT WITH SOME SKEPTICISM.  
THEY DO NOT PLAN TO CARRY STORY BEFORE THEY CHECK IT OUT.  
OLTMANS IS CONTROVERSIAL WRITER WITH REPUTATION FOR  
GETTING CARRIED AWAY. BUT NOS TV CHIEF OF PROGRAMMING  
SAYS THAT OLTMANS HAS HAD DALLAS CONTACTS SINCE 1964 AND  
HAS FOLLOWED ASSASSINATION STORY CLOSELY. OLTMANS MARRIED  
TO AMERICAN, HAS IMMIGRANT STATUS IN US.

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